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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW Room 814
Washington, DC 20544

CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt,

I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and workstations.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and life-long learner in America.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Gallaher

Laura A. Gallaher
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Dear Mr. Hunt:

I am writing in reference to CC Docket 96-45. Please help to ensure affordable telecommunications rates for public and school libraries as well as K-12 classrooms, as mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. You are in a unique position to help with this issue.

Libraries need a discount or low rate that will enable them to use electronic communication so they can provide access to all residents of the country to the internet. Libraries are the most logical source for internet access for the public. Librarians are the ones who are doing the most to make the confusion of the internet reasonably accessible through cataloging and indexing methods that can provide retrieval of relevant items in a search.

I am a librarian at Portland State University Library in Portland, Oregon. My university provides access to the internet (as well as various software programs) within the library through a computer lab to our students. They depend on this lab. Our local public libraries and schools are doing a tremendous job of teaching students and the public about the new technology. Please help them maintain this service by assuring low rates.

Thank you for your help.

Your truly,

Terry Ann Rohe

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Don. Reed Hundt, Chair
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

You and the FCC will soon be implementing the Communications Act of 1996, I understand.

One of the provisions of the Act specifies a lower charge to schools and libraries for their telecommunications connections and usage, lower than the regular rate.

Adequate education for our youngsters and for adults almost requires that they be able to access worldwide knowledge today and in 21st Century. You can help make our work force competitive in the world market by making it possible for schools and libraries and other public reference and research facilities to connect with telecommunication networks at a reduced cost by setting the specified lower rate of charge.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alice Brittan
A Taxpayer
601 Jones Rd.
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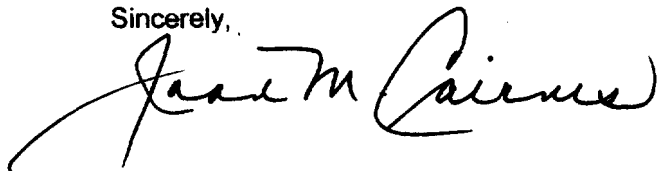
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Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom, lab and libraries will create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century. We are especially looking forward to using this service in our parochial school, Holy Name of Jesus, Kimberly, Wisconsin.

I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at a significantly discounted rates. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work stations of all school or libraries that want them.

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Sincerely, *Margie D. Resang*
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Kimberly, WI 54136

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Mr. Reed Hunt
Chairman
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Dear Mr. Hunt:

I am writing in strong support of meaningful discounts for schools (including community colleges) and libraries as the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1995. In passing this legislation, Congress clearly meant to ensure that carriers provide services to schools and libraries at significant discounted rates that are less than the amounts charged for similar services to other parties.

Targeting schools and libraries for these discounts demonstrates forward thinking especially for rural areas served by community colleges and library networks. The partnerships formed by these entities not only work with elementary and secondary schools within the community college districts but also serve the needs of the adult populations within the areas. Telecommunications provides access to training, education, and information to many areas not served in a traditional manner. The discounted rates targeting schools and libraries will enhance economic development efforts and training efforts in these underserved areas.

I encourage you to assure universal services for all Americans by providing discounted and equitable telecommunications rates for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Craig Robert Knaack
Vice President of Academic
and Student Development



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Sincerely,

Bruce Widger, Secretary

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Dear Mr. Hundt

Federal Communications Commission
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RE: CC Docket 96-45, Universal Service

I am writing in support of discounted telecommunications rates for the public libraries and schools of this nation. Such discounts would help to ensure all Americans access to the information superhighway.

Discounted rates are especially important in rural areas such as those served by the Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS). WVLS is comprised of seven counties in north central Wisconsin with the vast majority of that area being considered rural. There are several different phone companies in the area and each one provides a different level of service. Some companies have been quick to recognize the value of providing discounts for minimal Internet access, whereas other companies have made no attempt to do so.

Discounted rates would help libraries and schools to focus their limited resources on other necessary elements involved in providing access to the information superhighway such as adding extra phone lines, purchasing sufficient high-end equipment to meet the demand, and so on. The experience in the WVLS area has shown that where discount rates are available, libraries will work toward making access to the information superhighway available to the public.

To provide libraries with the flexibility to meet community needs, all telecommunications services available commercially, by tariff, or by contract should be available to them at a discount. Libraries need the capacity to support several simultaneous users and multi-media and high bandwidth applications. Libraries are increasingly the provider of local community electronic information.

Please consider what libraries are telling you about their local needs, including the necessity of making any terms and conditions for an equity rate simple and straight forward. I encourage you to assure universal service for all Americans by providing discounted and equitable telecommunications rates for libraries and schools.

Sincerely

Heather Eldred, Director
Wisconsin Valley Library Service

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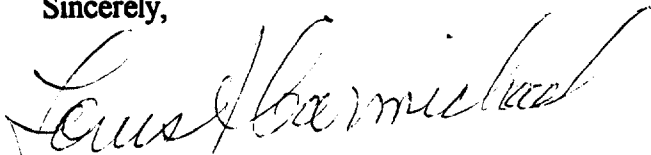
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

This letter comes to ask for your support in providing discounted rates to libraries and schools for telecommunication services.

Libraries need such an equity rate to enable libraries to serve as community access points to the information infrastructure and to help libraries provide the American public with an expanded range of information opportunities for lifelong learning, work and career development, job hunting, and citizenship. This equity rate will spur library use of new technology and encourage development of new consumer markets while providing consumers with the opportunity to gain new skills and technological literacy at their libraries.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

Diane R. O'Brien

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Director

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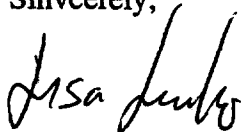
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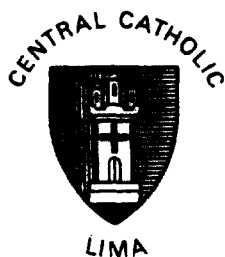
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Sincerely,

Daniel A. Rupert
Principal

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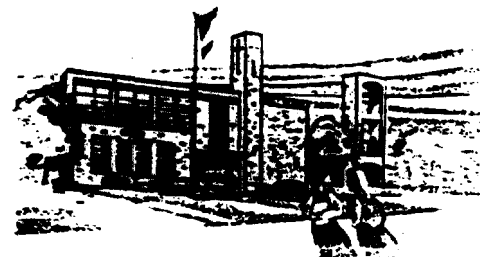
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Mrs. Teresa Richardson

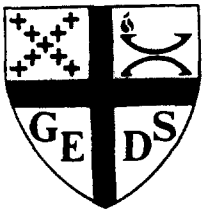
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Sincerely,

Carol Sanders
Computer Teacher

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Michael J. Zawisza D.O.

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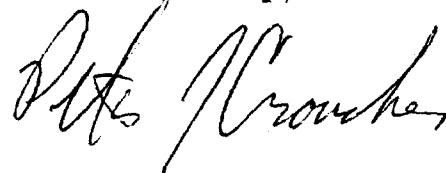
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Christ once told the Pharisees, "I tell you truly, prostitutes and tax collectors are entering the gates of Heaven ahead of you." In this instance, I am writing to remind you that students of Japanese and other far east countries are entering the gates of college and the workforce ahead of American students. American companies as well as those abroad believe as they should in the hierarchy of talent. They look to hire people who are most likely to help them to succeed in the global market, and in this age, those are the people with comprehensive computer background. This is not just a product of learning about computers on a theoretical level, but it also includes a familiarity and comfort level with computers similar to that that most people have with the toaster. This can only be achieved by providing our students in America with as continuous a contact with computers as we have with toasters. You and I know our toasters, each and every nuance. We know what they are capable of, and what they aren't capable of. We are totally comfortable with the settings and the operation of our toaster, and, we are nearly as comfortable when we go to someone else's house and try to use theirs. We feel that we are in control of the toaster, and that we will never be humiliated by our inability to handle a toaster. We even know what we can achieve if we hook our toaster to the phone. When combined with a phone, the computers capabilities are unfettered to a far greater degree than those of a toaster, and in the age of on-line business and shopping, and entertainment that is dawning, our students need to have a high degree of comfort being and working on line. Our schools would love to provide our students with

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this comfort level, and have spent millions of dollars and thousands of training hours on this process. Enter the phone companies, as is their right, they are attempting to make their own companies benefit from the increased need for telecommunications. Congress has determined through the recent Telecommunications bill/law that this business profit must not come at the expense of the education of our children and adults, thus they wrote into the law a requirement that phone companies provide seriously discounted long distance and connection rates to schools and libraries in order that the furtherance of technological education can be achieved at an affordable cost to districts and municipalities. Even though you are powerless to help the Pharisees get into Heaven, you are not powerless to help Americans better their future in this modern world. I ask therefor that you strongly support the deep and permanent reduction in telecommunication rates to schools and libraries when the F.C.C. writes the regulations pertaining to the Telecommunications law. I thank you, American children thank you, and retraining employment seekers struggling with technology at the public library thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pete Croucher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pete" and last name "Croucher" clearly distinguishable.